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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement dated 3 June 1993 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning the 23-28 May 1993 general elections for a constitutional national assembly in Cambodia.

I should be very grateful if you could have the enclosed statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Le V. BANG
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

The general election for the Constitutional National Assembly in Cambodia organized and supervised by the United Nations in conformity with the Paris Agreement on the comprehensive political settlement for the Cambodian conflict took place from 23 to 28 May 1993. The general election proceeded in a relatively calm and orderly atmosphere. In spite of deliberate attempt by the Khmer Rouge to sabotage the election, the voter turnout was nearly 90 per cent. That reflects the Cambodian people's desire to have, at an early date, peace, stability and national concord in order to build a prosperous country and a happy life after the ravages of wars and genocide. Favourable developments in connection with this election also reflect the great determination and efforts by the United Nations and the signatories to the Paris Agreement in promoting the peace process in Cambodia.

As Cambodia's close neighbour and a signatory to the Paris Agreement, the Vietnamese Government and people follow the election with great interest and, together with world public opinion, hope that the election will create good conditions for the Cambodian people to build a peaceful, independent, neutral and non-aligned country which entertains friendly relations with all countries. The Vietnamese Government and people, once again, call upon the international community and the Cambodian parties concerned to make additional contributions to the process so that Cambodia can soon have peace and stability in the interests of the Cambodian people and others in the region.

On this occasion, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam reaffirms its consistent policy to scrupulously observe the Paris Agreement, fully respect Cambodia's independence, sovereignty and the Cambodian people's right to decide their own destiny. The Vietnamese Government and people wish to maintain and develop good-neighbourly relations with Cambodia on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence, non-interference into each other's internal affairs and mutually beneficial cooperation in the interests of the respective countries, and those of peace and stability in South-East Asia and the rest of the world.

In this connection, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam expresses its willingness to recognize a new government in Cambodia to be elected by a Constitutional National Assembly and its desire to consolidate and broaden relations of friendship and cooperation in the spirit of the January 1992 Vietnamese-Cambodian Joint Communiqué.

Hanoi, 3 June 1993